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SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM MEETING

The Social Science Department held a meeting on Feb. 2nd to squelch rumors that the special topics listed under code 499 in the class schedule book would be eliminated. Program head, Dr. James McAree asserted, "The rumors are not true. The 499 special topics in the social sciences will not be phased out."

McAree pointed to a new University rule which specifies the nomenclature used in course

descriptions in the catalogue as the criterion for the cancellation of Prof. Ambrose Klain's course entitled Environment. The rule stipulates that the word "environment" is too vague a term to be used. However, the regulation does allow course descriptions to have the word "environmental" if it is immediately followed by a descriptive noun, for example, an Environmental Engineering course. McAree did explain that Klain's course description has been altered to comply with the University regulation and it will again be offered, but Klain will not be teaching it.

Dean of Faculty Richard Heindel was present at the meeting to further elaborate on the misunderstanding concerning the 29 special topic courses. He reiterated that the rumors were false. Heindel made the point that 499 special topics are basically experimental courses. At the conclusion of each term, the course instructor evaluates the topic and chooses the future of the course. Usually after a period of two years, the courses are inducted into the regular option programs.

Heindel announced that since so many changes were necessary, the class registration book for the spring term 1972, will be reprinted. The process is still in the preparatory stages, but it is believed the books will be

available for students by the end of the month.

Dr. Thomas Knight introduced a proposal for various courses in the Social Science and Humanities programs to be combined to offer students enrolled in those curricula a wider variety of courses. The International Studies Option would be offered to both Social Science and Humanities students and cross-listed in the Master Schedule. This option encourages an increased emphasis on the interdisciplinary approach and cross-cultural understanding. It will provide pre-professional training for individuals contemplating foreign service, legal, or international economic careers. Also for academic work in history, political science, or comparative literature. It emphasizes the interactions of

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Featherstone Here!

On Monday, February 21, Joanna Featherstone will be appearing at Capitol Campus. This program is free of charge. 2:00 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge (W-107) - Informal discussion session on Black Poetry and Expression.

8:00 p.m. in the Student Center - Performance Topic - "Not Without Laughter" - An evening of Black Literature.

cultures in politics, economics, literature, philosophy and art. Knight's proposal was unanimously accepted by the members after a few revisions were made.

Dr. Robert Colman presented a program which will offer a Master of Arts in the Pyscosocial option. The program, which will begin in September, 1973, is designed for part time work during the initial year and will be expanded after the trial period. The proposal was again unanimously approved.

Gay Liberation At Capitol Campus

by John Carbo

The week of 21-25 February is Gay Liberation Week at Capitol Campus. As one of the guest speakers is ED-499C, Human Sexuality, Dr. Kamey, president of the Mattachine Society of Washington, D. C., will speak on gay oppression, and on homosexuality on Tuesday, 22 February in room W-304 at 1:40 (5th period). He will also speak in the course Social Movements on the same day at 12:15 (4th period) in room E-259.

Listening to him would make you realize that one of the largest minorities in the U.S. is unrepresented and forgotten on this campus. Dr. Kamey's view is endemic among homosexuals in this country, that homosexuality is not a perversion, but merely a preference for a partner of the same sex. Furthermore, the term "perversion" is relative; a homosexual might look on heterosexuality as a perversion. "Perversion" is unique in the mind of the individual.

What I would like to do is initiate thought on the plight of the homosexual in the U.S. Why is homosexuality a problem in this country? Why is he so discriminated against? First off, homosexuality is culturally defined and differs from country to country. In the U.S. it's acceptable for females to hold hands or interlock arms or dance together in public, but not for males. In other cultures (Morocco, Japan, Holland, England, etc.), it is customary for males to hold hands in public. Is there any physiological reason why a man can be amorous toward a woman but not toward another man; or a woman toward another woman? No, just sociological. We live in one of the most restrictive cultures in the world, concerning homosexuality. There are no paramount problems raised by sexual conduct in this regard in other countries. Something could be learned by being less insular in our opinions, but rather more tolerant of the human rights and desires of others.

Many problems are caused by hecklers and others thrusting difficult and embarrassing situations upon suspected or known homosexuals. A

well-adjusted heterosexual can live and work in close proximity and enjoy the company of a homosexual with no qualms--it's just another way of life, not his, but that doesn't give him the right to sit in judgment of others. Maybe sports or music isn't your bag, but you certainly don't ostracize your friends for differing in interests. Say you have a close friend or relative. You hang around and do things together, travel together--he's really a good friend and you enjoy being with him. Would finding out that he prefers sex with a member of his own sex really bother you? I think the general opinion among young people today is "what ever is your bag, do your own thing". Life can be very lonely, miserable, and frustrating for one having tendencies, especially vis a vis a society so vehemently opposed to homosexuality as this one, until he can grasp the situation in his mind and accept himself. Until he has found himself he won't be really at ease within himself--two anonymous forces pulling him apart.

To see an air of live and let live, a peaceful coexistence in society would be the realization of the goal of the homosexual. In this pluralistic society, people are necessarily disparate, and so stands to reason their preferences would be.

There is a seven point scale in the Kinsey continuum of patterns of sexual behavior ranging from exclusively heterosexual to exclusively homosexual, somewhere along which everyone fits--there is no dichotomy or trichotomy of sexual behavior. From this I think it safe to say that the majority of people (six of the seven increments of behavior) have experienced, or will sometime in the future experience a homosexual act. This behavior is either temporary or permanent is some.

There is a misconception that masturbation and transvestism are directly related to homosexuality. There is no direct relation between any of them--three separate

INTERIM UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Dr. Russell E. Larson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Chairman of the Council of Academic Deans of the University, has been named on an interim basis to fill the administrative post of provost until a permanent replacement has been named. The late Dr. Paul M. Althouse, who died of a heart attack Friday, had served as Provost of the University. "I am deeply grateful to Dean Larson for his willingness to take on the responsibilities of this

office in these difficult circumstances," University President Oswald said. "Like Dr. Althouse before him, Dean Larson is a distinguished educator with broad experiences as a teacher, researcher and administrator."

Dean Larson has been a member of the University faculty since 1944, a full professor of horticulture since 1947, and dean of the College of Agriculture since 1963. President Oswald also announced that immediate steps will be taken to convene a committee representative of the University community to advise with him in selecting nominees for the permanent appointment, which ultimately will be made by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the President.

In taking over the duties of Provost on an interim basis, Dean Larson will serve as the Senior Academic officer of the University responsible for the overall educational program, including resident education, research and continuing education. He has served as a member of the five-man Administrative Policy Committee, the senior advisory group to the president, by virtue of being chairman of the Council of Academic Deans. The council will designate a new chairman, who will become a member of the Administrative Policy Committee. Dr. David R. McClay head of the department of Agricultural Education, has been named acting dean of the College of Agriculture to serve during Dean Larson's current appointment.

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Anyone presently residing off-campus, who plans to live on-campus next year must acquire the instructions and application for doing so from the Housing & Food Service Office, Wrisberg Hall, 107. Applications are due, along with the \$45 Fall Term '73 Housing Deposit NO LATER than March 31, 1972.

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